

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Plural levels of access permission that define limits of information or processing environments available are controlled properly for each user.

In a processing environment providing system, an access permission level

5 control unit compares a preassigned priority count with the number of accesses cumulatively stored in a database after a password has been changed. If the number of accesses after the change in password exceeds the priority count, a user operating a corresponding terminal is urged to change the current password. When the password is changed, the

10 preassigned level of access permission is notified to an environment providing control unit. When the password is not changed, a level of access permission that defines narrower limits of a processing environment to be provided is notified to the environment providing control unit. The environment providing control unit provides a processing environment to
15 the terminal according to the level notified.